THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The aggregate deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks increased by 8.5 per cent in the year 1987 (upto 17-7-1987) as against growth of 10.0 per cent and 10.8 per cent in the corresponding period of 1986 and 1985. The growth of deposits during the current year is regarded as quite satisfactory and year to year minor variations are considered to be the normal pattern of deposit growth which mainly depends upon factors like rate of growth of economy, the growth of reserve money and relative attractiveness of other instruments *ot* savings. Commercial Banks are continually introducing various types of innovative schemes to increase their deposit mobilisation subject to the provisions of the interest rate structure detailed in Reserve Bank of India's directives.

**Subsidies proving counter productive**

3046. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy subsidies direct and indirect are pro ving counter productive and if so, what remedial steps are possible;

(b) what are the dimensions of subsidies such as in the case of food, fertilisers, Pesticides, seeds etc.;

(c) what are the subsides in respect of differential rates of interests;

(d) what are the details of various export subsidies; and

(e) whether instead of such subsi dies, reductions can be given in the income tax structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDI TURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FIN ANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) Subsidies are reviewed from time to time by the Government and reythe. dial action, if any needed is also initiated.

(b) and (c) Estimated expenditure of the Central Government on account of subsidies in food and fertilisers, in the current year, as shown in the Budget documents for 1987-88 is as follows:

| | BE 1987-88 (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|
| Food Subsidy | 2000 |
| Fertilisers subsidies | 1910 |
| of which | |
| Indigenous fertilisers | 1750 |
| Imported fertilisers | 160 |

Information in respect of pesticides, seeds and interest differentials is being collected.

(d) The details of the export subsidies provided in the Budget for 1987-88 are as follows:

| | (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|
| (i) Product promotion and com- | 800 |
| (ii) Assistance to export promo- tion and market development or- ganisation .... | 15 |
| (iii) Export credit development | 55 |
| TOTAL: | 870 |

(e) This suggestion is not feasible of acceptance.

**Bank Loan recovery**

3047. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FTNANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bank Loan recovery in some States like West Bengal has been poor and if so, details and rea sons thereof